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Photo by John Cavers

Haida, alpha male of Haliburton Forest's wolf pack, was one of four wolves released from the Wolf Centre on Dec. 31. Evidence suggests he was shot and killed by a motorist.

Three wolves at large after attack on Forest

By Matthew Desrosiers

The wolves released from Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre are still on the loose despite attempts to return them to their enclosure.

Of the four wolves that were released, only three are believed to still be alive. Granite, the alpha female, Luna and Lonestar had been seen around the Wolf Centre since the days of their release on Dec. 31, however reports and sightings in the last several days have only included the two juvenile

wolves, according to the Forest's Facebook page.

"As of last Friday [Jan. 4], all accounts tell us of two wolves, Luna and Lonestar," Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and manager of the Forest, wrote in his Facebook update. "There is no Granite."

Schleifenbaum received four independent reports that one of the three wolves was injured with an open wound and was limping.

Based on the sightings of just the two wolves in recent days, and evidence of blood in the wolves' bed, Schleifenbaum said

it could be Granite.

"I have to assume that Granite was the injured wolf and that she did succumb to her injuries," he wrote. "At this point I do not want to jump to any conclusions and connect her injury and disappearance with the shooting of Haida."

Haida, the pack's alpha male, was the fourth wolf released from the centre. Forest staff found evidence that he was shot and killed by a passing motorist last week.

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Haliburton man still missing

By Mark Arike

The OPP continue to search for a missing Haliburton man who was last seen on Christmas Eve.

"We are continuing the investigation," said OPP Const. Sandy Adams.

According to a Jan. 1 OPP press release, 65-year-old Frederick John Finch was last seen on Dec. 24 in the area of Lakeview Street in Haliburton.

"Mr. Finch spoke to family members from his house on Dec. 24," said Adams, adding that he was reported missing on Dec. 30.

"The investigation into his whereabouts started immediately," she said, explaining that a search for a missing person begins as soon as the report is received.

When asked if Finch had been seen getting into an unidentified woman's vehicle, Adams could not confirm or deny the rumour.

"This is not information that our investigation has confirmed," she said.

There is no reason to believe that foul play is involved, said Adams. The investigation is continuing.

Finch, who goes by John, is 5-foot-9 and weighs about 150



Photo submitted by OPP

Frederick John Finch.

pounds. He has gray hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Highlands East sees first library design

By Matthew Desrosiers

Representatives from Fleming College's sustainable building design and construction program presented a preliminary plan to Highlands East council at a special meeting on Jan. 8.

"A concept plan is a big picture idea," said Pat Marcotte, program coordinator. "It's not down to the finite details. It's just to present some ideas we think would work."

The college will need to consult further with the municipality before anything is finalized.

"One of the requirements that we have in the program is that we've got to put together a building that has enough interesting components in it to teach the students a variety of systems, foundations, different types of walls, energy systems, solar, those kinds of things."

The preliminary floor plan shows the library as a 40 by 50-foot building, roughly 2,000 square feet. Although furniture and bookshelf placements are still up in the air, the early drawings show a north-facing main entrance, a mechanical room, washrooms and an outdoor seating area.

"In our concepts, what we've been trying to look at so far was a clear-storey roof," Marcotte said.

These roofs have two different planes with a little wall between them that has windows.

"The nice thing about a clear-storey roof is that it projects a lot of light halfway into the building, so not only do you get the southern exposure with light coming into the building,

but you also deliver nice sunlight to the back of the building as well," he said. "It's a fairly simple roof to build in terms of students, and it's going to allow us to use a couple of different systems. There's also some room on the roof for solar panels if the township does go with the microFIT program."

Marcotte said the entire site design is open for discussion. It also includes room to expand per the municipality's request, with enough space to add on a second building of the same size.

Council also got their first look at the proposed budget.

The estimated cost is \$314,400.00, or \$157.20 per square foot.

Marcotte said in planning the budget, they liked to estimate high and come in under budget as opposed to showing low numbers and have to add to it in the middle of the project. At the end of last year's project at Abbey Gardens, they were able to come in under budget.

The highest-priced item on the list is the geo-thermal and HVAC system at \$55,000.

"We feel very confident the budget we highlighted is completely workable," Marcotte said.

Council voted in favour of creating a sustainable building committee to liaise with Fleming College during the design process. The committee will include Reeve Dave Burton, Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig and chief building officer Randy Dunsmore.

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Founder of Hockey Haven dies at 87

By Mark Arike

Wren Alvin Blair wasn't born in the Highlands, but he left a lasting impact on the area that won't soon be forgotten.

On Jan. 2, the man who made many contributions to hockey and Haliburton passed away at Hillsdale Estates in Oshawa. He was 87.

When news hit that the well-known hockey figure had died, condolences and tributes began pouring in. Those who knew Blair from his days in Haliburton remember him as a strong man who cared about the community and had an undeniable passion for the sport of hockey.

"I found out how tough he was and how committed he was to his cause," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who had his first encounter with Blair in 1971. "He was a very tough negotiator. But once we got a level of respect for each other, he was great."

Blair, also known as "The Bird" in hockey circles, built the Haliburton Hockey Haven Boys Camp with Jim Gregory. During his time in the area, he also co-founded the Pinestone Inn (now Pinestone Resort).

"Wren was an astute businessman," said Fearrey. "He wasn't hard-headed, but he was tough in terms of making relationships work that he thought were good for him and the community."

A memory that stands out in Fearrey's mind is when Blair "led the Whitby Dunlops to the world hockey championships."

"You always knew that this man had a bit of a legacy," he said.

Local resident Charlie Teljeur conducted Blair's last on-screen interview a year ago for a documentary he is producing titled "There's Something in the Water."

"His body was kind of broken but his mind was still fairly sharp," said Teljeur. "He had a lot of stuff to say about Haliburton and the people up here."

In the documentary that Teljeur is producing with Wayde Greer, the many connections between professional hockey and the Highlands are revealed. The interview with Blair was an integral part of the story.

"When him and Jim started the camp, they really put this town on the map," he said, adding that Blair was the man who signed and discovered Bobby Orr.

"He was part of the Bruins organization when Bobby Orr was in Parry Sound. It was his job to woo him to the Bruins."

Orr starred for the Oshawa Generals before joining the Bruins.

"In the documentary you'll see his significance and the pull he had in the hockey world."

According to Blair's obituary, he "coached, managed and owned hockey teams in various leagues in North America. His name is linked with success in junior, senior and professional leagues."

In the NHL Blair was co-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins



Photo submitted by Bent Nose Media

Wren Blair in his last interview before his death on Jan. 2.

between 1975-77, director of player personnel for the Los Angeles Kings between 1979-85, and the first coach and general manager of the Minnesota North Stars for the 1967-68 season.

In 2001, he wrote his autobiography titled "The Bird."

The book contained his stories of several legendary hockey players and executives.

Blair was the father of two children – his daughter Jill and son Dan. He was also a grandfather and great-grandfather.



Photos by Mark Arike

Peterborough teen charged in December crash

On Dec. 28 at approximately 10:15 a.m. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to a vehicle collision at the intersection of Haliburton County Road 7 and Highway 118 near West Guilford. Austin Capell, 18 years old from Peterborough, was driving a Chevrolet Avalanche. He turned left in front of a westbound Honda Pilot and was hit. Three people were transported to the Haliburton hospital with non-life threatening injuries according to an OPP report. Capell was charged with Left Turn – Fail to Afford Reasonable Opportunity to Avoid Collision.



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Editorial opinion

Depressing resolutions



By Matthew Desrosiers

We're 10 days into 2013, and already people are starting to crack under the weight of unrealistic expectations.

New Year's resolutions, those grandiose promises you make yourself every year to improve your life in one way or another, are a sure-fire way to kill the New Year buzz early.

It's already hard enough to stay positive in the winter. The days are short. You wake up in the morning and it's dark. You leave work in the evening and it's dark. And for those of us who live in a basement, you don't even get the benefit of natural light on the weekend. So why let failed resolutions bring you down even further?

I may sound pessimistic here, but research shows people rarely stick to their resolutions this time of year. There are some reasons for that.

First, it's hard to start a new routine immediately. So resolutions about going to the gym every day or exercising in the mornings before work are doomed from the get-go. You have to build up to it, but unfortunately people get discouraged by Day 10 (today), look back and see they've already missed half their days, so what's the point?

And what about the old favourite: quit smoking?

Having lived with smokers my entire life, I can say it's a rare person indeed who can choose the day and time they'll quit if they aren't already mentally prepared. To say, as of Jan. 1 you're done with tobacco, when your mind and body are hardly in agreement on the matter, is

a waste of breath.

You'll be smoking by February, which leads to stress about failing to quit smoking, which leads to more smoking.

Oops. We call that a backfire.

And so those people who started 2013 off with their heads held high and big, proud smiles on their faces are now walking with their eyes on their feet, or have developed a slight twitch in their eye, thanks to these unrealistic expectations.

New Year's resolutions are unhealthy. Instead of trying to go from zero to hero in the span of a day, set realistic goals for yourself that you know you can achieve.

I'm not saying don't challenge yourself. No one ever got anywhere in life without pushing their limits. Rather, I'm suggesting you set stepping stones to your eventual goal.

If you want to lose weight, understand that a trip to the gym once a week is a good place to start. Don't go on a hardcore, grease-free diet from day one. Instead, plan to cut out one bad food in January, maybe adding two more to your list in February, and so on. Add gym days as you get comfortable and can work them into your weekly routine.

Placing unrealistic expectations upon yourself won't drive you to new heights. Instead, it will grind you down early, setting the stage for a depressing year.

If you want to keep that New Year enthusiasm going, let yourself be successful this year. Resolve not to have a resolution.

Guns neither the problem nor the solution



By Bram Lebo

If you've ever been to downtown Toronto, particularly the Yonge-Dundas area, you've probably seen the young men roaming around in their "gangsta" gear: baggy pants and jackets, gold chains and an obnoxious swagger. The intent is to intimidate, and it works because the clothing leaves some ambiguity as to whether there's a weapon underneath, while the bouncy walk sends a message of unpredictability and *get out of my way*. Most of you reading this would probably cross the street to avoid these types. Admit it.

I mention this because when it comes to the debate on gun control, what may not be obvious to those comfortable with firearms is that many people — often called "liberals" — find the sight of a holstered gun equally intimidating. Why? Because there's no knowing the state of mind of the person carrying.

To carry a weapon in a public place, particularly an urban area (I'm not talking about hunting or shooting), is to send a message: *don't mess with me*. It's an implied threat, and though you know you'd only use your weapon in the most legitimate of circumstances, other people don't. They will perceive a threat whether it's intended or not. It doesn't matter if the weapon is concealed; knowing a certain class of people can carry firearms, a prudent person would assume that all people in that class are carrying and therefore assume a potential threat. That's why you're intimidated by the gangstas, and why liberals are against guns in public places.

Doesn't freedom include freedom from intimidation, whether or not that intimidation is intended?

It's no different for students. Never mind the cost, free societies do not keep people in line by putting them under police watch. And if we demand that teachers or anyone else be trained to carry weapons, isn't that the same type of state coercion that keeps gun advocates awake at night? Do we want reluctant or incompetent gun owners to be responsible for protecting civilians? Do we want firearms inches away from the instability and daring-do that often characterizes teenage behaviour? A study of hospital shootings in the US found that in 23 per cent of cases, the gun had been stolen from the on-duty security guard. Would teachers be any better at keeping their guns out of the wrong hands?

Here in Canada, despite continuous reductions in gun violence, we continue to escalate the arms race in public places. Though there has never been to my knowledge a firearms incident at a Canadian airport, the federal government has armed customs officers who deal only with people who have been screened multiple times. The intention, as with the

gangstas, can be only to intimidate. And, as if on cue, it seems the border guards have become much less polite to law-abiding citizens since they got kitted out — function following form.

Strange this proliferation of gun-based security measures, because Canada doesn't have much of a gun problem. Even though there is on average about one gun for every household, most guns are in the hands of responsible gun owners. Those that are used to commit crimes are overwhelmingly fired in the context of domestic disputes and gang violence; there is relatively little random gun crime of the type concealed-carry advocates worry about. We are simply not the United States.

Where we are similar is in the fear that seems to drive many advocates for more guns in public places. They see potential criminals everywhere and the need to protect the "good" people from the "bad". Of course there are criminals out there, but let me put it this way: some gun violence is the price of a free society, just as traffic accidents are the price of road travel. We could eliminate car accidents and thousands of deaths annually by having a speed limit of 5kms, just as we could stop crime by having an armed guard on every corner and cameras in every home. But that wouldn't be a free society; it would be a police state.

What gun advocates often omit from their arguments is actually the most legitimate of reasons for more guns, and the foundation of the Second Amendment of the United States constitution: that a well-armed citizenry is necessary in a free and democratic society to keep governments from crossing over into tyranny.

Unfortunately, whether you agree with that or not, the concept of the second amendment has been rendered moot. As we saw at the G20 summit, our governments will apply overwhelming force to any perceived threat. They will break laws and ignore constitutional guarantees to protect their monopoly on power. A citizens' militia, no matter how many weapons it has stored, would be wiped out like the planet Alderaan. We are well past the moment when governments need feel any threat of resistance, leaving us reliant on the often-elusive beneficence of our leaders to guarantee democracy and freedom.

It's always going to be difficult to balance freedom with security. Firearms do have a role to play in both objectives, and as the newspaper that brought you the Trophy Wall it should be obvious we support gun ownership, hunting and recreational shooting. It's just hard to see how bringing guns into schools and other public places would make us any safer.

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Highlander news

A slippery slope

Dear editor,

The new sidewalks are done, curbs and new pavement completed, all to make our village more handicapped accessible. We were told at the town hall meeting that the widening of the sidewalks was to allow two wheelchairs or motorized scooters the availability to pass. What happened at the CIBC corner? Two people walking cannot pass without being on a slope! The sidewalk is also very narrow at this corner. The only level piece of sidewalk is the actual threshold of the bank building. I realize that the slope is to allow for a future crosswalk over to the Gravity House corner. Why was the walk so narrow here? Why was the walk sloped right from the bank door? What engineering company made this decision? The bank has received many complaints, though they are not responsible. Attempting to access the bank on Thursday I had to hold onto the bank wall at the corner to avoid slipping down the slope to the road on the snowy walk. I fear this is an accident waiting to happen. Check it out folks and beware of the slippery slope.

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Re: Trading in fictions

Dear editor,

I would like to thank Bram Lebo for his editorial in the Dec. 27, 2012 issue of The Highlander. It brings to light once again the corrupt, dishonest, deceitful, disrespectful and disgusting lengths politicians are willing to go to in order to gain/maintain power, all at the expense of the taxpayer.

This is not government, it is pure politics and it does not serve the public well. Perhaps we do need to change the electoral system so those elected can and will do what they were elected to do, put the interests of their constituents first, ahead of party politics. If your readers are as concerned as I am about the erosion of democracy in this country, then I strongly urge them to contact both their federal and provincial representatives to express their concern. Nothing will change unless we demand change, and I couldn't agree more that "we deserve better."

Frank Thom
Haliburton

Photo of the week



A pine marten enjoys its tasty treat.

Photo by Sara Moffat

Wolf Centre release an act of ignorance

Dear editor,

What kind of Canadian acts from such sad and sickening ignorance?

A naturalist who did not know that to these wolves, born and raised in a protected environment, having no hunting skills, 'freedom' in the bush is virtually a death sentence? Or maybe a few of the 'good 'ole boys' who, having a skinful of New Year liquid courage thought it would be fun to wreak a little mischief at the expense of the Haliburton Forest?

And what shall we say of the motorist who (seemingly)

shot the alpha male from the safety of his vehicle and his ignorance of the actual nature and magnificence (as opposed to the Hollywood version) of these animals? Not to mention the concepts of trespass and malicious damage.

In my opinion there is no curse or malediction in any language on the face of the earth that is sufficiently vile to apply to the (various) perpetrators of this piece of homocentric arrogance and ignorance.

Chris Todd
Kingston

TheOutsider — Cold comfort

Jees, it's hot here. Even the wind's warm. And the water, well, there ain't no lake trout gonna be swimming in it that's for sure.

The ladies wear sarongs, some of the more adventurous men, too. The drink of choice has an umbrella poking out of it, and lunch, if you can bear to wrench your body off of the beach chair, is an alfresco affair featuring lots of leaves but definitely no fries smothered in gravy and cheese curd.

This is the life. Or, I presume it is. While half of Haliburton County seems to decamp to the southern states of America during the winter months some of us are stuck here in the frigid north.

Sorry, let me rephrase that. Some of us prefer to stay here in the wonderfully white wonderland that is Ontario in the winter. Who wants to be sunning themselves on a sandy beach, cocktail in hand, waves gently lapping at the shore when they could be scraping snow off the car windshield or chipping ice encrusted logs from the firewood pile to warm the house?

Who wants to be casting a fly across the shallows in search of bonefish and permit as the sun beats down on their back when they could be dangling a minnow down

a hole in the ice while the wind whips ice pellets into their face?

Who wants to be rubbing coconut suntan lotion into their partner's pleasantly tanned back when they could be watching dripping snot form icicles on the end of his moustache during a quick trip out of doors?

Hmm, if your answer is 'I do' to any of the above then you best get yourself on a plane to Florida quick smart. Either that or make a giant pitcher of mojito, get yourself a lawn chair and a good book, turn the heating up high in the bathroom, run the bath (not quite the ocean but use your imagination), strip off to your undies and smear yourself in coconut milk. Then, close your eyes, dream of tropical sunsets and hope to god that no one comes round for an unexpected visit!

It may seem that I paint a cold and miserable, if somewhat coconut milk covered picture of Haliburton County in the winter but that is not my goal. In contrasting our home with the tropical climes that many visit in the winter months I aim to highlight the delights of a wintery Canada.

The unsteady little bundles of energy learning to skate on local outdoor rinks are a delight to behold: the bigger

bundles such as myself, learning to fall with the least amount of pain, are downright hilarious. The snaking tracks of snowmobiles that have sped across a lake are telltale signs of folks having fun. So too are the sasquatch size footprints of snowshoers that follow a meandering course through white powdered forests and beside crystal rimmed creeks.

Think too of that roaring log fire, so warm and inviting, a fitting trophy for the hardy soul who's split, chopped and stacked earlier in the year and now who chips those logs from the icy stack and carries them in to make a fire. Being outside in the snow is great. Coming inside to a warming fire and maybe a hot toddy is divine.

Winter life is wonderful in Haliburton County; even when you're standing on a windswept lake, icy blasts chilling extremities, dangling that minnow in hope of a bite. And frozen boogers on your moustache? I speak from experience when I say suck hard and long enough and they melt. Oh yeh!



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *Should teachers resume extra-curricular activities in the schools?*



Ann Bishop

Miskwabi Lake

I believe they should because they are providing an essential service for the tax payers and the children of the province. I understand their plight but they can negotiate a fair wage and job. In these times everyone has to give a little.

Jean Broersma & Tracy Gilbert

Minden

Yes! It is really part of their job. Lots of these kids do not get other sports and activities. If the parents are not interested then some of these students do not get the opportunity to participate in different activities and develop socially.



Mike Turner

Soyers Lake

No. It is the only method of protest left to them. All the other collective bargaining rights have been taken away from them.

Keane Bonyun

Haliburton

I think it would be the decent thing to do. Ultimately it makes it look like the teachers are taking it out on the children.



Sue Black

Fort Irwin

Until it is included in their job description they should not be asked to do it. It is also a shame that the kids are not getting their field trips, sports, and other activities.

The NRA of the US was right, but didn't go far enough

Dear editor,

I seldom write a letter to the editor because I rarely feel I know enough about a particular subject to offer an informed opinion. My name is Keith Cunningham and I am the chief instructor and chief operations officer for the MilCun Training Center. We train police, military, security and civilians who have a national level background check, in the skills of marksmanship. Although a Canadian citizen, I served with the US Army with a combat tour in Vietnam and later a 25 year career with the Canadian Forces as an infantry officer and small arms instructor.

In both armies we were very aware of and frequently called upon as Subject Matter Experts (SME). When we had to blow something up we made sure the guy handling the explosives was a SME. Oh, there were lots of folks who thought they were SMEs, but they weren't and we made sure, for safety reason and for mission success, that those who lit the fuse knew what they were doing. So basically, what I'm saying is, if I want to know the most about a subject, I'd speak with those who are a SME. Politician are often not SMEs, university professors are often not SMEs and lots of ordinary folks are not SMEs when it comes to firearms, training and their use. I know this because I listen to them and how they misuse nomenclature, twist facts and generally show that they just don't know what they don't know.

Recently, with the massacre at Sandy Hook school, I wondered if those who were in authority were going to figure out how to better protect these children. They clearly had not to this point. The anti-gun crowd continued with the expected dribble of ban this gun, ban that gun and all would be right with the world if we could just ban all guns. Banning the gun is like banning the camera to prevent child pornography. This simplistic and shallow thinking will not solve the problem and only continues to give those who are not SMEs a false impression that that's all we need to do. I waited for a fellow who I consider to be in the know to voice their opinion – they were the ones I wanted to hear. They had the obvious and logical solution that the true SMEs (and there are many of them) have been saying for years.

When the NRA set up a televised press conference, I was listening. I was impressed with their report, it was well thought out and presented carefully.

The NRA pointed out that society is ok with armed guards at our banks to guard our money, armed guards for the president of the US and others, we all really like the armed guards at the airports and no one is fussing about the armed guards that fly with us on airplanes... so why not in schools?

But I particularly liked the comment "The best way to stop a bad guy with a gun, is with a good guy with a gun." This has got to be the summary of the entire talk. Later a politician from California said "This doesn't work because there was a guard at Columbine and he was out gunned."

So let me get this right. You're implying that having no guard there would have been a better answer? Not a SME.

The logical answer is defence in depth, have a police officer on duty at every school and train and arm the teachers.

I recently heard in the news where a student at the Sandy Hook school is suing the state of Connecticut for not doing as much as they could have to protect the students. Coming from a country that gives a settlement to someone who ordered hot coffee and got exactly what they ordered, I was surprised that this hadn't happened before. Might just cause some politicians to pause.

A police officer friend of mine suggested that every school should have a police officer on duty full time. This police officer could do more than just look after the front door. He could teach classes in civics and citizenship as well as being handy to deal with bullying. Could you imagine what a bully might think if a big cop was to grab him by the shoulder and say, "What you are doing is wrong... stop it!" And can you imagine what the drug dealers might think – suddenly selling drugs to our kids at school might not be worth the trouble.

I suggested in return that you need defence in depth. One of the principles of defensive warfare is defence in depth or in layers. Our police officer could be in some other corner of the school when the shooting starts and it could take a minute or two to get there. So this same officer could be responsible for training and practicing the teachers. In the military we sent out officers and NCOs to various reserve units to help and guide their training – we were called regular support staff (RSS). A police officer could have a similar posting at schools. Talk about an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure.

This is not a new idea. Several countries in the world are doing it, and have been doing it for many years with success, of which the Israelis are the most common example. Think maybe they are SMEs on this topic? One principal said after the NRA report "There'll never be guns in my school." Wanna bet? And the wager is you and all those kids. You're a teacher and you haven't noticed recent history?

Stats say that in the areas of the US that allow concealed carry, there is less crime than the world average and in gun free zones – like schools and some theatres – the crime is greater than average. With the use of frangible ammunition, trained and armed teachers are the obvious and logical way to go.

If anyone has a problem understanding this logic it is likely because they're not picturing what the teachers at Sandy Hook were facing on that day. Let me provide the following scenario. OK... stop me at any time you think this becomes unrealistic.

You're the principal of a school and let's say you got your

wish and all "assault rifles" (which are already banned) or "weapons of war" (as one politician from Florida called them) are banned. So now somebody walks into your school with a bolt action deer rifle. And every time you hear the word "bang" – a kid dies. Ready? Go.

What are you going to do? Bang. Come on, you're the principal you need to do something. Bang. So get on your cell phone, call somebody, see how long that takes. Bang. When seconds count, the police are just minutes away. Bang. Oh look, my mag has run out of bullets, but by the time I finish this sentence I will have reloaded and I get to do this again. Bang. You haven't even moved yet. Bang...

Let's try a different scenario. Let's have our principal play the bad guy and come through the front door of my school with a deer rifle and I'll play the principal or any one of the teachers. Are you ready? Go.

I sweep back my jacket, draw a pistol, point it at our terrorist and say bang in less time than it took to read this sentence. If by chance you got me by surprise, then the teacher behind me got you. That's defence in depth and the point is no kids have even been shot at yet.

Which of those two scenarios would you prefer at a school?

The argument might be if we could ban all guns. So replace "deer rifle" with "golf club, baseball bat, tire iron, sword, machete, hatchet..." and play the same game. If our principal shows some gumption and attacks you, then turn your weapon on them and carry on killing kids. There is only one right

answer here and it is logical and obvious. Now, a good guy with a gun doesn't guarantee the right outcome 100 per cent of the time but history has shown that a bad guy with a gun is producing the wrong outcome 100 per cent of the time.

Dr. Robert Bernat is a physician and attorney in Highland Park, Illinois. A reluctant SME, he recently wrote in the Wall Street Journal: A Reluctant Vote in Favor of Armed School Guards. His closing paragraph is quoted below:

One-third of the nation's elementary, middle and high schools reportedly already have armed security on campus. In 2000, President Clinton marked the one-year anniversary of Columbine by proposing a significant expansion of the government's existing "COPS in Schools" program. Now that the National Rifle Association's Mr. LaPierre has made a similar proposal, he is being ridiculed. Why?

The answer, Dr Bernat, is denial. In Canada denial is rampant. We just haven't had enough kids killed yet.

Keith Cunningham
MilCun Training Center

A bad guy with a gun is producing the wrong outcome 100 per cent of the time.

Highlander news

Volunteers plow for pond hockey championships

By Mark Arike

Volunteers gave up hours of their weekend between Jan. 5 and 6 to help prepare the ice surfaces for the upcoming Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

"Volunteers are going to be what makes this thing," said John Teljeur, event chair and coordinator.

Teljeur estimated that about 25 volunteers showed up over the weekend to help clear snow off the ice at the event's two host sites – Head Lake and the Pinestone Resort's pond. Local businesses and organizations that provided manpower and equipment included the Haliburton ATV Association, Harper Powersports & Marine, and Haliburton RPM.

During the past weekend, Teljeur said the ice was anywhere between six and seven inches thick at the Pinestone's pond and seven to nine inches at Head Lake.

"We really need 12 [inches] for the tournament," said Teljeur. "Walking is not an issue. It's the equipment to surface the ice that's the issue."

"Right now we need to get rid of that extra snow because it insulates the ice. We need Mother Nature to step up with some cold nights and make ice below. That's the strongest ice."

Once the tournament is going, most of the weight on the ice will come in the form of the players.

"On each set you'll have 300 to 400 players, give or take, and then you'll have a couple of ATVs that are runners for the organizers. Then you'll have some maintenance equipment, depending on what the weather is like."

Although the ice surface is important, it won't make or break the tournament, said Teljeur.

"The ice is an afterthought. You have to have decent ice, but it's not really what the tournament is about."

Players sign up to experience the fun and camaraderie that comes with this type of an event, said Teljeur. If there is an issue with the ice, such as a pressure crack, players usually make one another aware of the problem by marking the spot with red spray paint or cones.

"It's not like you're looking at Olympic quality ice. It's just ice to skate on, which is no different from when we were kids and we would skate on the pond."

A total of 16 rinks will be on Head Lake and no fewer than 10 will be on the Pinestone's pond. They will measure about 70 by 150 feet, said Teljeur.

Next volunteers will flood the ice. This will be an ongoing process.

"It will take a few floods before we get the ice where we need it to go," said Teljeur.

Depending on the weather, the rinks are expected to be laid out the week of the tournament.

"That's when things really start to slow down because you have to stake everything out. But then it will all start to take shape."



Photo by Mark Arike

Volunteers attack Head Lake with ATVs and plows ahead of the pond hockey championships.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton is going to oversee ice operations along with representatives from J-Core Marketing, said Teljeur.

"The two of them are going to work together to make sure the ice is how it's supposed to be for the tournament. Dave is basically running these guys to make sure that people show up where they're supposed to be and do what they're supposed to do."

With many snowmobilers now in the area, Teljeur is sending out a clear message: stay off the ice.

"Stay off those rinks," he said. "That will destroy it and it will be over. We won't be able to repair them quick enough."

With only two weeks to go before the start of the tournament, Teljeur is seeking more help and equipment such as snowblowers and ATVs with plows.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Rosemary Blight at 705-455-9165 or e-mail rosemary.blight@hotmail.com.

The pond hockey championships are scheduled to take place over the weekends of Jan. 25-27 and Feb. 1-3.

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Highlander environment

Released wolves ranging further afield

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"If this is not discouraging enough, we are also concerned that the reports of the two juvenile wolves now come from further afield," he wrote. "As the crow flies, their last location, this evening [Jan. 8], was approximately eight kilometres south of the Wolf Centre."

While this may appear a significant distance, Schleifenbaum wrote that a wolf pack's range is large and that the eight-kilometre distance could be travelled in an hour. Staff have built a second, smaller enclosure within the Wolf Centre's main enclosure to house the remaining pack members. That way they can open the fences in hopes Luna and Lonestar will return to the pack.

"We are convinced the 'outsiders', if given the chance, will return and rejoin their pack members," Schleifenbaum wrote. "This may never happen, but it could also occur tomorrow, next week or who knows when."

"As long as Luna and Lonestar are in the area, we will literally keep the doors open."

Police are investigating the attack on Haliburton Forest's Wolf Centre.

According to an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) press release, sometime between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. the fences of the wolf enclosure were cut, allowing the four wolves to escape into the surrounding forest.

Schleifenbaum said in a release that the enclosure consists of two fences. The first is a 10-foot chain-link fence, while the outer-fence is a 12-foot high-tensile fence. The culprits identified a location of the enclosure where the two fences were only 15 feet apart due to the landscape. Normally there are 30-40 feet between the fences.

"What is quite clear is that this was not only a deliberate, but also a very well-planned action," he said in the release. "The timing was impeccable."

Schleifenbaum said with all the people around the Wolf Centre on New Year's Eve it would be hard to identify suspicious activity. The location of the cut fences was also away from view of the centre.

While the investigation is ongoing, Schleifenbaum suspects members of a PETA-like organization or individuals with a zeal to liberate captive animals.



Photo by John Cavers

Haida is nuzzled by one of his pups in one of the last photos taken of him before his release and death.

"What these individuals in their misguided efforts do not realize in this instance is that they most probably rang the death knell for the wolves that [were] 'liberated' – unless we are able to recapture them," he said. "Our wolves were born in captivity. While they have the instinct to hunt and kill, they never had the opportunity to learn or exercise these skills in their enclosure where they were fed dead carcasses whenever they required food."

"Now, out on their own in the forest, they will have to fend for themselves and quickly, since at the present temperatures they are burning calories fast."

The wolves left the enclosure well-fed and in good condition, he said. They should be able to survive three to four weeks in the cold, but after that will begin to starve.

As for the pack of wolves still inside the centre, Schleifenbaum said they're in turmoil without their leaders.

"They're timid, obviously in turmoil. It's a bunch of teenagers that are leaderless."

Schleifenbaum said the pieces are coming together thanks to tips from the public. He is offering a \$3,000 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest of those responsible for releasing the wolves.

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Highlander environment

Sanctuary running for Shell grant

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) needs your help to secure a grant to build a new deer enclosure.

WWS is part of Shell's FuellingChange program. The program groups environmental projects into three categories: \$100,000 grants, \$50,000 grants and \$25,000 grants. People vote for their favourite projects and the winners receive their associated grant.

The sanctuary is in the \$25,000 category for their new deer rehabilitation enclosure project.

"With the Shell fund, we want to build an enclosure where we will be able to leave [deer fawns] in the enclosure for their first winter, but it will be large enough for them to be able to browse and become wild," said Monika Melichar, WWS owner. "When they are released in the spring they will be totally wild."

The new enclosure will be around six acres with an eight-foot fence all around to keep them from jumping out and to keep predators from coming in. They will also build individual enclosures within the fence.

"That way we can simultaneously do orphaned fawns and injured deer that come in too, and not mix them," she said. "They will be in separate areas."

The enclosure will be on property being purchased out of Melichar's pocket. The grant money will be solely dedicated to the fencing and building shelters within the enclosure on the newly-acquired land.

Melichar has been rehabbing animals for over 25 years. "This year [2012], we had seven deer fawns brought in," she said.

One such animal is Spot.

"Spot just came to us recently. He's a goat, and that's what he thinks he is. He doesn't know that he's a deer."

Spot was raised on a farm with other animals outside of his natural environment. He is unfamiliar with life in the wild and is currently residing at the sanctuary.

"This is the problem we face sometimes."

Melichar's fawns live in the bush but come to the sanctuary for their meals. She feeds them with Spot to expose him to other deer.

The new enclosure would give him a more natural environment to rehab in, along with other deer who will be better protected during the rehabilitation process within the enclosure.

The top eight projects out of the group of 17 in Melichar's category will receive \$25,000 grants. Anyone can register and vote online. You can also turn in Shell receipts to receive additional votes each day and further support WWS.

For more information on WWS, visit www.redrockcircle.com.

To learn more about FuellingChange or to vote for the WWS deer enclosure project, visit www.fuellingchange.com.



Monika Melichar with one of her rehabilitating deer, Spot. Vote online for her to receive grant money from Shell for a new deer enclosure.

Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

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Highlander community

Gooderham group raises \$3,000

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Gooderham Community Action Group is thrilled with the results of their 2012 bottle drive.

Thanks to contributions of empty beer, liquor and wine bottles from the community they were able to raise \$3,000 last year.

The group, a committee of Highlands East council, works with the municipality to financially support projects in Gooderham. Members include Barb Bader, Marilyn Woode, Mary Cox and Bonnie Ryall.

"This past year there was a bridge that had washed away down at the park," said Bader. "We provided, along with the municipality, the funding to have that bridge repaired and repositioned, and also with access ramps so anyone could use the bridge."

They also placed benches and picnic tables in the park.

"This year, we're going to be supporting the kid's karate program in Gooderham, and we're also looking at putting a bursary out for a Gooderham student when they graduate at the end of the year," Bader said.

Although the action group has a few other fundraisers throughout the year, their main source of funds comes from the bottle drive.

They have partnered with the Irondale Store which accepts the empties and pays \$0.10 per bottle. Artech Glassblowing Studios in Tory Hill also buys certain types of bottles to use in their work for \$0.25 each.

Highlands East Ward 3 councillor Cecil Ryall said these

two partners go out of their way to help the group out.

"When the Irondale Store found out what we were doing and Artech Studios were doing, they said 'why don't we just sort ours too?'"

The store, during the slow months, will sort out their bottles and sell any bottles that meet Artech Studios' requirements back to the group for \$0.10 each. The action group will then sell those same bottles to Artech for \$0.25, making a profit of \$0.15 per bottle.

"Both groups know and they're very supportive," Ryall said.

Bader said one of the joys of living in a small community is that people work together.

The Gooderham Tim-br Mart is another partner in the bottle drive.

In 2011, the action group lost their drop off location when the LCBO had to back out of the program for liability reasons. Tim-br Mart stepped up and built a shed for the action group to use specifically for bottle collection. It is located out front of the store.

"All the Tim-br Mart people have been awesome," Ryall said. "They've been really unbelievable."

Although the transition caused a shut down in bottle collecting for eight months, the group got started up

again in May 2012. They raised the \$3,000 in seven months.

Part of the action group's money is used to directly help Gooderham families in need.

Last month, the action group provided Christmas for seven families in the area, Bader said. That included a \$100 gift certificate for Todd's Independent in Haliburton, and if the families had children, gifts under the tree as well.

"They don't apply for it," Bader said. "We have little elves throughout the community and they tell us

A lot of the stuff that happens in this town would not happen without these people.

Cecil Ryall

Ward 3 councillor

who is in need [each] year."

Ryall said the action group plays a key role in Gooderham.

"There's no question about the fact that a lot of the stuff that happens in this town would not happen without these people," he said.

To support the Gooderham Community Action Group, drop off your empties at the Tim-br Mart drop-off location in Gooderham.



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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Annual Business & Community Achievement Awards to be held Saturday February 23, 2013 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton. This premiere event celebrates and honours excellence in the Haliburton Highlands.

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Submitted by Jim McMahon

Time Travellers donate to Auxiliaries and Point in Time

The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers presented cheques to the Minden and Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Auxiliaries, respectively, and Point in Time Children's Camp on Dec. 13 at a Christmas dinner. Funds were raised by the HH Time Travellers for donation to the three groups. The total amount donated was \$1,700. From left to right, Judith McNeillage, president of the Minden Auxiliary, Tracey Lear, president of the Haliburton Auxiliary, and Joan Wilson, representing Point in time, Carol Groves, treasurer for the HH Time Travellers, and Jim McMahon, first vice-president for the HH Time Travellers.

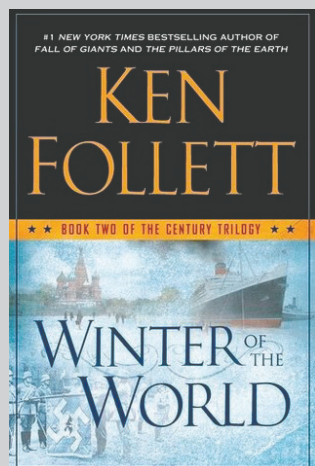
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Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett
2. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
3. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay
4. *The Black Box* by Michael Connelly
5. *Up and Down* by Terry Fallis

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *The Ravenous Brain: How the New Science of Consciousness Explains Our Insatiable Search for Meaning* by Daniel Bor
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton

Already struggling to keep your New Year's resolution? Whether it be keeping organized, getting back into shape or doing something positive for the community, the library has plenty of resources to assist you in meeting your goals.

One book that you may find useful if you are looking to kick start a home organization project is *Throw Out 50 Things* by Gail Blanke. The author takes the reader through each room of the house, giving tips on how to let go physically and move on mentally from unnecessary clutter.

A useful book to consider if you are looking to get fit is *You Are Your Own Gym: The Bible of Bodyweight Exercises* by Mark Lauren. This book is designed for men and women of all athletic abilities, describing simple exercises that require nothing more than the resistance of your own bodyweight.

If your New Year's resolution is to spend time volunteering, get inspired by reading *Little Princes* by Conor Grennan, a book which chronicles the author's experiences volunteering at an orphanage in Nepal. This is an uplifting story that shows readers that anyone with the will can make a difference.

All of these titles are available at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

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Highlander technology

The Computer Guy Are free e-mail services worth it?



By David Spaxman

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Not a day goes by that I don't hear of problems with one of the major free e-mail providers. In fact, I can fairly safely say that not a day has gone by in over five years.

It really begs the question: are free e-mail services like Windows Live Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, Google Mail and others worth the cost?

My position: Yes.

And: Absolutely not.

As always, it depends on your needs and your expectations. Unfortunately, many people's expectations are very, very wrong.

"Free e-mail services are free, aren't they?"

By now you should know there's no such thing as "free" – everything has a cost. It may not come out of your wallet each month, but there's definitely a cost.

Here are some of the costs that I associate with free e-mail services:

Spam – Free e-mail services seem to receive a huge amount of spam. There are various theories about why, but the fact is that you'll get more spam with a free mail service than with a regular ISP. Some are better at filtering it than others, but the amount of spam that each service deals with is enormous and often legitimate e-mail is a casualty of the battle.

Deliverability – Most of the spam at least appears to come from free e-mail addresses. With "From: spoofing" it's debatable how much actually does, but the fact is spammers regularly sign up for and abuse free e-mail accounts, or work to make it look like their spam is coming from free e-mail accounts. The result is that free e-mail services come with a built-in penalty: e-mail from a free e-mail service is slightly more likely to be evaluated as and filtered as spam.

Customer Service – For all intents and purposes, there is no customer service for free e-mail accounts. This is truly a case of "you get what you pay for." While there



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

The Computer Guy, David Spaxman, awards Carnarvon resident Brittaney Thomas with her prize, an HP Photosmart printer, for winning the 'Name Microsoft's next operating system' contest. Her entry, Microsoft Evolve, stood out among all the participants.

might be web forms and e-mail addresses that will accept your question, your chances of getting a response are often proportional to what you paid – zero.

Limits and Restrictions – Most free services have limits of how much e-mail you can send in any given time period. Often there are other limits placed on functionality should you choose to use, or are restricted to using the service's web-based interface.

In my opinion, based on the questions that I receive and

the problems that I see every day, the lack of responsive customer service, as well as the sometimes serious deliverability issues are by far the biggest reasons to be very cautious when considering a free e-mail account.

Next week: If you really must use a free e-mail account there are some things you must consider.

For questions or comments e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Happy and safe computing!

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Photo by Warren Riley

The Minden Seniors Hockey Group after a vigorous game of shinny.

Seniors bonding through hockey

By Warren Riley

The Age of Aquarius has a great bearing on a bunch of bruisers who like to get together three times a week and play a solid game of shinny.

The game is amicable and fast-paced, and the players come from a vast range of professional and non-professional occupations. Some play during their lunch hour while others make the time a priority. But here is the interesting point: their ages range from 55 to the mid-70s.

The mind-set of these games is multi-purposed for the group. Maintaining ones stamina, having a good time and being with their friends are key aspects. But also at the end of the season, when the rink is no longer available, funds left over from their annual fees are given to a charity within the county.

Neil Cutler is the organizer and treasurer of the Minden group and embraces the opportunity each year to collectively

garner a body of players for shinny matches.

"I have a spreadsheet with approximately 75 names on it," he said. "If we can get 20 guys and two goalies on a regular basis, this is what we really want."

"We try to keep it [ages] to 55 or older which ties in to what we call the Senior Olympics of which we have been a part of for about 10 to 12 years. The majority are retirees and they come from all over. We have some from the OPP, real estate, teachers, university professors, financial advisors and I could go on and on."

Cutler is always impressed with the banter on and off the ice.

"You might be really surprised if you did a profile on the individuals. The locker room is as much fun as the ice surface," he continued. "Everybody has a different opinion. The dialogue is unbelievable. We have a couple of natural historians from the Highlands and we are always keen on

listening to the background."

"We try to give a little bit back although we are a non-profit," Cutler continued. "This year we had a \$99.00 special which gives you 25 weeks of hockey and the best deal in town. We have a couple of charities that we try to help out of which one is a group of challenged young people in Haliburton. They participate in the Special Olympics and we will go and help them on the ice when they play hockey or assist individuals when they bowl. So, over the years we always have a little bit left in our kitty and we try to throw it back."

Cutler and his group take their charity work seriously and bestow their residual funds appropriately.

"We made a small contribution. Between the two groups [Haliburton and Minden] of guys we put the defibrillator in this area. It's not all fun and games but if we have a little left over we give it back."

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Haliburton hockey on film

By Matthew Desrosiers

What started out as a simple conversation over a Tim's coffee has turned into a film about Haliburton's illustrious hockey history.

Wayde Greer and Charlie Teljeur of Bent Nose Media along with Tammy Rea of Highland Media Arts, have put over a year-and-a-half into the documentary, titled *There's Something in the Water*.

"I sorta knew the story because I'd grown up around here," Teljeur, the film's director, said. "I'd seen Ron Stackhouse play when I was younger and I saw Bernie [Nicholls] play."

Originally the film was going to be a pet project centred around the town's four hockey heroes: Stackhouse, Nicholls, Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson. But as the pair started digging into the history, they uncovered untold stories that had to be shared.

"There are books about Haliburton's history, but there's no book about Haliburton's hockey history, which is as great as you can get," Teljeur said.

That history goes back to the 1960s and a camp called Haliburton Hockey Haven.

The hockey camp attracted 500 kids per week and built up a waiting list in the process. Coaches the likes of Bobby Orr, Glen Healy and Wayne Gretzky spent their summers at the camp teaching kids different facets of the game.

Other NHLers spent time at Hockey Haven learning from the greats.

"You name any player in the NHL, they've been in [Dysart Arena]," Teljeur said. "They've either played in that rink or just been in it. Bobby Orr spent his first two or three summers doing that."

"If we could get every player on the list that we wanted to have in this [film], other than Mario

Lemieux we would have all the greatest players in NHL history in this thing," Teljeur said.

Apart from many of those players, some of Canada's biggest hockey journalists have also been interviewed for the documentary.

Greer, executive producer of the film, said it's taking a long time to pull all the information together.

"One story leads to the next, and it's not stopping," he said. "Everybody's connected to here in one way or another."

Greer said he's heard some people say they don't think any other single town has the hockey history to match Haliburton. The problem, he said, is that no one really knows it.

"[The film] gives a real opportunity for the town to be promoted on a national level," he said. "It's our way of giving back to the community that has supported us."

"All of Canada gets to see Haliburton, and it's remarkable."

Duchene is one of the film's biggest supporters. He took the trailer to his agent and some people in Los Angeles, as well as to Sydney Crosby.

"He's proud of his community," Teljeur said. "He's proud of Bernie, Cody and Ron, and Hockey Haven."

While the pair are still determining exactly where the documentary will air, it will hit the airwaves sometime in 2013. Afterwards, Teljeur said DVDs will be available.

There's Something in the Air will honour Hockey Haven co-founders Jim Gregory and Wren Blair.

Blair passed away on Jan. 2. His interview, possibly the last before his death, will be featured in the documentary.



Photos by Bob Smith, Bent Nose Media and Mark Arike

Top: Even the Great One, Wayne Gretzky, spent time at Hockey Haven teaching kids how to play the game. Middle: Wayde Greer (left) and Charlie Teljeur of Bent Nose Media, along with Tammy Rea, Highland Media Arts, are working together on a documentary about Haliburton's hockey history. Above: Greg Millen, Canadian hockey broadcaster and former NHL goalie, talks about Haliburton's hockey legacy.

Highlander sports



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Pad poured at Dysart Arena, ice by end of February

Workers began pouring the concrete pad at Dysart Arena on Jan. 8, bringing the renovation project one step closer to completion. Ray Miscio, manager of parks and recreation for the Municipality of Dysart et al, said the pad will sit for two weeks to harden before boards are installed beginning Jan. 21. Although the project has fallen a bit behind schedule, several trades are on site, approximately 30 workers, to wrap up the project by Feb. 20. Miscio said there should be ice by then. Other outstanding projects at the arena include the installation of railings and the construction of new dressing rooms.

Racers dare to 'jump' open water

By Warren Riley

Back in 1924, the term 'puddle-jumping' was in reference to the action of flying an airplane for only short distances or making many stops. That's not the case nowadays in the Haliburton Highlands.

Puddle-jumping is not a sport. It's basically an entertainment event where a rider, on his or her high-performance snowmobile, will try to successfully traverse a section of open water separated by ice thick enough to support the machine. And that is where it gets tricky.

The laws of physics suggest a snowmobile, travelling on open water, won't go anywhere but right to the bottom. But these winter daredevils try to defy those laws, or at least manipulate them a little.

The idea of puddle-jumping is to accelerate a snowmobile on an open space of ice with the throttle wide open and attain its maximum speed. Once maximum speed is acquired, head straight toward open water and hydroplane across to the other side, ultimately hitting solid ice again, and staying dry. This is the main idea of the exercise but unfortunately for a few that try this stunt, the inevitable happens.

"That's enough," says the machine. "This is as far as I'm

going. I quit."

Then there is a cough and a sputter, followed by a horrible sinking feeling, literally. Physics wins again. The machine flounders, skies kicking high into the air, and it slips below the water line to the bottom. Failing to hydroplane the span and sinking the machine is now known as a 'water ship down'.

Adding insult to injury, there is a hefty bill to pay for getting the machine hauled up out of the water by a diver and possibly a hefty fine for polluting the waters. For the operator, this performance can become one very expensive exercise in futility trying to please the many onlookers.

Jackson McDonald of Oakville is an experienced



Photo by Warren Riley

A Snowmobiler tests his machine across the lake.

snowmobiler and has puddle-jumped for 14 years. He loves the excitement.

"I can't remember how many times I've done this," said McDonald. "I've sunk my machine three times; once in Georgian Bay near Parry Sound where it was too deep to retrieve my Arctic Cat. That experience was costly for me. I'll go to Honey Harbor if the ice isn't thick enough here (Dorset). You get wet from the spray but I always wear water proof gear. All of us do."

You can find these daredevils

puddle-jumping on Head Lake or on the Dorset Channel, between Lake of Bays and Big and Little Trading Bay.

Like other outlandish activities, puddle-jumping is dangerous. Riders can drown or suffer serious injury.



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The Committee of the Whole/General Committee
meeting has been rescheduled to January 17,
2013 in the Minden Council Chambers
at 10:00 am. Public invited.

Special Meeting of Council

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Meetings and Events

January 15

10:00 am, Special Committee of the Whole
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January 17

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole
meeting, Minden Council Chambers
(public session at 10:00am)

January 17

7:00 pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory
Committee meeting, Lochlin Community Centre

January 18

10:00 am, Finance Advisory Committee
meeting, Municipal Boardroom

January 24

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden
Council Chambers (public session at 10:00am)

January 31

7:00 pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory
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Highlander sports

A boarder tries skiing for the first time

By Mark Arike

My first trip to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike took place way back in the day. I remember being incredibly nervous, giddy and energized all at the same time.

As a 15-year-old daredevil, nothing was going to get in my way of overcoming that first hill. Sure, I had never been snowboarding before. Call it bravery or stupidity, but I had no interest in taking a lesson or trailing behind some of the more experienced boarders.

The good news is that I made it out alive. The bad is that my behind could barely endure the bumpy bus ride home after taking so many hits. As I look back on that day I realize I'm lucky to still be here. How many first-time boarders send themselves off a five-foot jump when they have no clue of how to take off or land? I did it numerous times that day and decided to stop after a harsh crash-landing that knocked the wind out of me and made me the laughing stock of my peers.

Well, had I taken a lesson odds are that I wouldn't have tried to pull an Evel Knievel on my first day out, and I would've avoided a bruised and battered bottom. I'm sure the experts would have talked some sense into me.

Over the years I've gained experience, some smarts and taken a lesson. I haven't mastered the sport of snowboarding by any means, but I can comfortably get myself from point A to point B without putting myself (or anyone else) in harm's way.

With this winter season in full swing, I decided it was time to take on a new challenge: skiing. But this time I was going to put safety first.

I got in touch with Dave Webb, expert skier and head of the Snow School at Sir Sam's. When I arrived at the hill on the morning of Dec. 23, he set me up with skiing and snowboarding instructor Terrance Gavan.

The two-hour lesson began with the basics. I was shown how to click my boots into my skis and walk myself up the bunny hill to the pony tow lift. I firmly gripped one of the orange handles and was pulled up the mini hill without incident. My confidence began to soar.

"This can't be that different from boarding," I thought to myself.

I was wrong.

As a boarder, I've gotten into the habit of moving my hips around as I carve my way to the bottom. This was a big no-no when on skis. But when you've been doing it for so long, breaking a habit is easier said than done. You want to – and your coach is trying his damndest – but the body doesn't always do what the mind tells it to.

After a few runs down that mini hill – without the aid of poles – it was time to go for a ride up the enclosed lift to our



Photo by Terrance Gavan

Maiya and Liam Wiktorski join reporter Mark Arike on his first skiing experience.

next destination. Joining Terrance and I for this part of the lesson were the brother and sister team of Liam and Maiya Wiktorski. These two cottagers, who came to the hill with their dad Stephen, had taken lessons at Sir Sam's before. Now the pressure was really on; I couldn't let a couple of youngsters show me up!

But that's pretty much what happened. While I was busy picking myself up off the hill, they were gliding down it, smoothly and effortlessly. I have to say that they were good sports about it, though. Whenever I fell they patiently waited while coach Terrance got me back on my feet and repeated his helpful pointers.

At the end of the lesson I was on my own. Luckily, the two hours of instruction gave me the confidence to fly down the

hill solo. I took a few falls, none of which were painful.

Anyone can do what I did. With the help of the Snow School, there's no reason to fear trying something new for the first time. They've got over 30 pros at the school, 30 per cent of whom can teach both skiing and snowboarding.

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Storm blown away by Otters 13-0

By Warren Riley

If a bad day could be measured on a scale of 1 to 10, the Highland Storm Novice B hockey team hit the 10 mark on Jan. 5 against the Huntsville Otters. From the onset, the Otters had their number.

In the first period, Huntsville showed their hand by aggressively keeping the puck in the Storm's end. The Otters were all over Storm goalie Damon Harriss who stopped 19 shots to no avail. Otters forwards Benjamin Power and Ryley Digiacommo scored to end the period 2-0.

The flood gates opened up against the Storm in the second period. Huntsville's forwards were in complete control firing a continuous barrage of pucks at Harriss. This onslaught resulted in three penalties against the Storm which included bodychecking, cross-checking and an intentional hit. Within the last eight minutes of the period, the Otters put the penalties to their advantage by adding five more goals to their side of the scoreboard. The game became demoralizing for

the Storm with the score now 7-0 for the opposition.

Storm coach Mike Rupnow gave his team an inspirational pep talk between periods indicating he wanted his players to have fun but also do their very best. It became clear they were out of breath, steam and energy.

The Storm just couldn't get their act together and the third period became a shooting gallery for the Otters. Storm defence was almost non-existent and their forwards never seemed to coalesce. As hard as they tried to protect their end, the Otters were still able to slip six more pucks past Harriss ending the period with a final score of 13-0.

Despite the score, Harriss' outstanding effort in goal kept it from being any worse.

Producing over half of the goals for Huntsville were #9 Logan Therrien with four goals and #3 Jesse Taylor with a hat-trick while Storm center Nick Phippen stood out for the Highland Storm.

Coach Rupnow knew from the beginning that his team was up against a superior club.

"We're in the bottom and it's tough to play a team [Huntsville] like that," he said. "They passed the puck around quite a bit and [were] not shooting every time. Huntsville is a 'BB' team and we're a 'B' centre so they're one up on us."

"Our team is pretty young and we only have four eight-year-old boys and that team would most likely have the majority of eight-year-old boys. We've come a long way. We've lost quite a few games in a row but we're getting better every game and the kids are still working hard. That's all you can ask for and that's the key for a successful club."

"Positionally, we have improved a lot since the start of the year and this season. When you're playing a team of this calibre, they are just that much better."

There is a lot of promise in Rupnow's mind concerning where his team is going.

"Our kids are little bit behind. With these kids at this age, if we give them a few years and if they keep working hard they'll catch up."

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EVENTS

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WILBERFORCE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY is hosting their Annual General Meeting on January 12, 2013. Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m., AGM following at 7:00 p.m. All Fair board members, volunteers and anyone interested in the workings of the Wilberforce Fair are welcome to join us. Be involved in this year's Fair! (JA10)

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WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, S. 391 (1) provides that a municipality may pass a by-law to impose fees or charges; AND WHEREAS Part XII, Section 391 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, C.25 as amended, gives authority for the Council of a municipality to pass By-laws imposing fees or charges for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it; for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board; and for the use of its property including property under its control;

AND WHEREAS By-law 2008-20 being a by-law to adopt a policy for the giving of public notice; AND WHEREAS public notice is hereby given;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt a policy for Shoreline Road Allowance Closure and to establish the fee for the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance, at the regular Council meeting held on February 12, 2013. The Council meeting commences at 9:00 a.m. and is held at the Council Chambers, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario
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Highlander events

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Golden Slipper Music Era - Camarvon Bowl, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact Haliburton County Historical Society for more details.</p> <p>Golden Slipper Music Era - Camarvon Bowl, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Contact Haliburton County Historical Society for more details.</p> <p>Wilberforce Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting - Lloyd Watson Centre, 7 p.m. Potluck supper at 6 p.m. - Lloyd Watson Centre, 7 p.m. Potluck supper at 6 p.m.</p> <p>12</p>	 <p>13</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	
<p>Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>14</p>	 <p>15</p>	<p>Shout Sister Choir is looking for new members. Practices are Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church www.shoutsisterchoir.ca</p> <p>16</p>	
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Spaghetti Dinner - Haliburton Legion, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, \$25 family rate (2 adults, 2 children under 12)</p> <p>19</p>	 <p>20</p>	<p>Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>21</p>
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>22</p>	<p>Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330</p> <p>23</p>	<p>A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>25</p>

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

<p>Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. Bingo, every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon - 2:00 p.m. Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Radio Club, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Fish & Chips, every Friday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. NFL on the big screen, every Sunday (food available), 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, every Friday, 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Jam Session, every Friday, 7 p.m. Meat Draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m. L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Annual Robbie Burns Dinner - Saturday, January 19th. Refreshments at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the Piper and a wonderful dinner, \$12.00 per person.</p>
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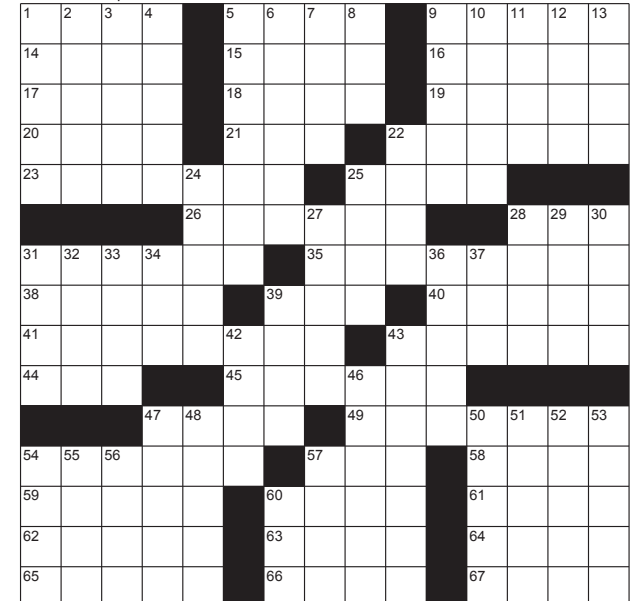
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- Declare openly
- Long story
- Comic ____ Martin
- Mumbai dress
- Heavy cord
- Made docile
- March date
- City trains
- Go to bed
- New York's ____ Park
- Rabbit's kin
- Las Vegas bride, often
- Ventilate
- Defeats
- Refinement
- Opera tunes
- Dem.'s foe
- Made a choice
- More sensitive
- Aquatic mammals
- 19th letter
- Affirm
- Cut
- Nuclear ____
- Plaid
- Dawdle
- Frenzy
- Nosy person
- ____ Kudrow of "Friends"
- Jazz great ____ Fitzgerald
- Mexican coins
- Hymn ending
- Ode
- Stockholm native
- Flightless bird
- Remnants

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- Fundamental
- Avoid
- Actress Sophia ____
- "Oliver ____"
- Breakfast foods
- NASA program
- Drinks daintily
- Crack pilot
- Purple flower
- Declare
- Trucker's vehicle
- Done
- Relinquish
- Uncommon
- ____ Witherspoon of "Pleasantville"
- Aid
- Gazes
- Opening wager
- Bakery worker
- Lipstick shades
- Delayed
- Crude minerals
- Transgressions
- Blue
- Must, informally
- Prone
- Relax
- Drought's lack
- Pizza seasoning
- Wiped clean
- Tolerated
- Slight error
- Thin pancake
- Eagle's claw
- Eyed flirtatiously
- Paper measures
- Recipe units (abbr.)
- Again
- Fragrant flower
- Chauffeured car
- Lass's friend

Fun Fact:
If you could put
Saturn in a bathtub it
would float.

Highlander travel

Cruising – what to consider before you choose The lady traveller

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday with family and friends. My holiday conversations with friends are often about travel and this season it seems to be about cruising. I would like to share some points to consider when choosing the best cruise for you. It is especially confusing when looking at all the promotions offered. What is the real cost and where is the value? Remember, the lowest price is not always the best deal. If the cruise is not the right fit for you then where is the value?

Cruising is considered one of the best vacation values around. They come in different lengths – from three days to several months. Cruise lines fall into different categories – from mass market lines with thousands of people through premium lines with more attention to detail and service, to the luxury ships that are smaller and include everything you could possibly want on a smaller more personal ship. There are cruises designed for special purposes such as expedition ships that sail to Antarctica while others are designed to sail in the South Pacific and access smaller islands. Then there is my personal favourite, river cruising. No matter which you choose the 'extra charges' can easily double the price so you need to consider just what else you will be paying for. Those cruises that are higher in price initially but include more could end up being the best buy at the end of the day.

Here are some of the things to consider:

Gratuities – Most cruise lines these days automatically add on a pre-determined amount to cover customary gratuities for crew members. This is broken down for passengers in advance, adding between \$10 - \$15 or more per person, per day. This is added to your shipboard account. On a seven day sailing for a family of four, that adds up to \$420 or more to the total price of the cruise.

Shore excursions – To make the most of your visit to the destinations included you will want to take advantage of the optional shore excursion. The cost per person can vary from \$30 for a quick bus tour of a port of call in the Caribbean to hundreds for flight seeing in Alaska. You may not do them all but the average spent per person, on a seven-day cruise is \$400. That family of four can anticipate another \$1,600 added to their holiday cost.

Spa treatments – Every cruise line has a spa. You can get everything from a haircut to a manicure or a variety of massages, skin treatment and lifestyle classes. These all cost extra and are often double what is charged on land. You are on holidays so the urge to treat yourself often ignores the extra cost. You can fill in the amount on this one. I treat myself to a massage at the beginning of the cruise as it is a wonderful way to start relaxing. It is worth every penny, or

should I say dollar.

Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks – Most cruise lines charge for both of these. Many are now offering packages so you can budget for this expense. Even if you are a non-drinker you will still want water and soft drinks and these will also add to your cost by several hundred dollars. Each cruise line has different pricing and inclusions. You can get this information ahead of time to help in your decision making.

Next column I will continue with other costs to consider such as travel insurance, optional dining venues, on-board activities, pre-cruise hotel stays, parking, internet fees, etc. I will also do a comparison with several cruise lines so you can see specifics.

These extra charges are not meant to scare you away from cruising but just something to be seriously considered when making an informed choice.

I am happy to answer your questions. Let's talk! E-mail me at ladytraveller@haliburtonhighlander.ca.



By Carolyn Pawson



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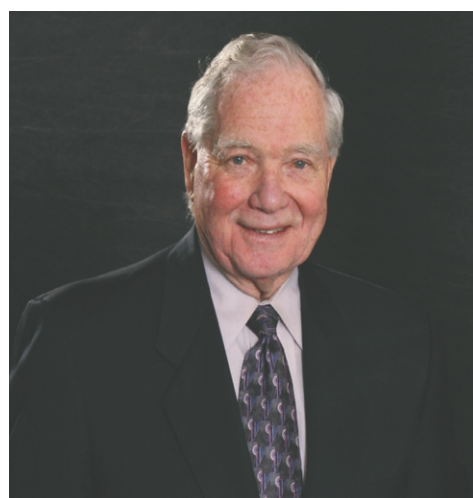
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*Dear god take a message to my son in heaven above
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Sadly missed, forever loved.

Dad and Tanner

In loving memory of a dear grandson

*A special person, a special face.
Someone we love and can never replace,
Today tomorrow our whole lives through,
We will always love and remember you.*

Love and miss you,

Grandma & Grandpa Hamilton

*Another year has come and gone, and the pain we feel is still so strong.
But it's because we love you so very much, and you died so very young.*

*Not a day goes by, we don't think about your smile, your charm, your wit.
Sometimes we feel selfish and wish we could still hug you, kiss you, hold you.
And with you we could just sit.*

*You were the strongest, bravest, little soul.
So wise beyond your years, but til we meet again my angel.
When we think of you, we cry these tears.*

**So very loved and missed,
Uncle G, Aunt Jackie**

*When we are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."
Each time we see your photo, you seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry I'm only sleeping we'll meet again someday."*

**Love and miss you,
Aunt Jill, Uncle Dean, Jordan and Jenna.**



Fur Harvesters put skills on display

By Matthew Desrosiers

The fur trade is alive in the Highlands.

On Jan. 13, members of the community are invited to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for the Minden District Fur Harvesters' Annual Workshop to experience the old tradition of fur harvesting.

"It's been a part of [Canada's] heritage for years and years and years," said Paul Arkwright, president of the fur harvesting club. "At one time trapping was really big but it went downhill. We're fighting for survival to make sure we let people know in the province of Ontario there's still fur industry going on."

The day-long workshop will have fur displays and demonstrations, including a competition for both adult and junior harvesters.

Participants will bring in furs they have harvested from home to display for the public, but will also be competing in a skinning/harvesting competition.

Kids can try their hand using squirrels that will be made available to them at the workshop.

Arkwright said some of the furs visitors can expect to see include beaver, otter, fisher, marten, raccoon, fox, coyote, muskrat and squirrel.

"I hope to have a row of tables in the centre of the arena upstairs and we'll have the fur they do at home and the fur done at the workshop [on display]," he said.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Admission is \$2, and non-perishable food items are also being collected for the food bank.

OBITUARIES



Helen Frances Campbell (nee Arnot)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare - Haliburton on Friday afternoon, December 28, 2012 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Donald Campbell (2000). Loving mother of Lorne (Lynda), John, and Joan (Lincoln). Much loved grandmother of Kate, Shane, Benjamin, Caleb and Leah. Dear sister-in-law of Moira, Eileen and Helen. Cherished aunt of Leslie and Nancy. Predeceased by her son Gordon and her brothers Donald and Gordon Arnot. Also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Helen was a veteran army nurse and a long time member of the Haliburton United Church Choir. She was an avid swimmer, curler and enjoyed her family.

Memorial Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH 10 George St. Haliburton, Ontario on Friday January 4, 2013 for a Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. A reception followed in the Fellowship Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to World Vision or the Haliburton United Church were appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

"and I will raise you up on eagles wings."



HELP WANTED



Employment Opportunity

Municipality of Dysart et al Director for the Haliburton Highlands Museum

Due to a recent retirement, we are seeking applications from experienced and qualified candidates to fulfill the senior management position of Director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum on a contract basis for 2013.

Contact Tamara Wilbee, CAO (twilbee@dysartet.al.ca) 705-457-1740 to obtain detailed information regarding this career opportunity and subsequently to submit an electronic resume and cover letter no later than **Friday, January 18th, 2013 at noon.**

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